

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. - 3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) An automobile seat belt structure and an assist apparatus thereof, wherein a seat belt portion is attached in [[a state of keeping a]] tension, without being in contact with a body of an occupant, and there is employed [[means characterized in that]] a flexible elastic material [[(3) is]] mounted to a belt portion [(B) and]], said flexible elastic material [(3)] being capable to expand[[s]] so as to form a spherical shape [[or the like together with a force by which the belt portion [(B)] is drawn forward the vehicle due to an inertia]] when [[the]] an accident [[is generated]] occurs, [[as prevention means]] for preventing the occupant from sliding out from a lower area of the belt portion [[when an accident is generate]].

5. (Currently Amended) An automobile seat belt structure and an assist apparatus thereof, wherein a seat belt portion is attached in [[a state of keeping a]] tension without, being in contact with a body of an occupant, and there is employed [[means characterized in that]] an auxiliary air bag [[is]] mounted to a belt portion or a belt latch portion, [[and]] said auxiliary air bag is capable of being expanded [[together with a force by which the belt portion is drawn forward the vehicle due to an inertia]] when [[the]] an accident [[is generated]] or an expansion of [[the]] another air bag, previously provided within an automobile, occurs, [[as prevention means]] for preventing the occupant from sliding out from a lower area of the belt [[when an accident is generate]].

6. (Currently Amended) An automobile seat belt structure and an assist apparatus thereof as claimed in [[any one of]] claim[[s 1 to 5]] 4, further comprising right and left supporting columns, and wherein fixing

positions of said right and left supporting columns of a seat body in the seat belt portion can be freely adjusted [[and said fixing position can be adjusted]] in correspondence to a body condition of the occupant.

7. (Currently Amended) An automobile seat belt structure and an assist apparatus thereof as claimed in [[any one of]] claim[[s 1 to 6]] 4, wherein in order to easily disengage the seat belt when the accident [[is generated]] occurs, a belt latch portion and a latch-receiving portion are attached by an electric magnetic function, [[is]] and are structured such that [[an]] when engine rotation is stopped due to [[an]] said accident[[, whereby]] and a power generating function is stopped, [[an]] energizing [[to the]] of an electric magnet is stopped, [[in interlocking with the stop of the power generating function]] and said electric magnetic function which is interlocked with said power generating function is automatically lost.

8. (Currently Amended) An automobile seat belt structure and an assist apparatus thereof as claimed in [[any one of]] claim[[s 1 to 7]] 4, wherein [[there is employed means characterized in that]] an expanded flexible material [[such as an air bag or the like]] is mounted to the seat belt portion in an [[so-called]] assistant driver's seat so as to reduce a gap between [[the]] an occupant in said assistant driver's seat and a dash board portion, [[at a normal time and utilize as a body stabilizing the holding device and]] wherein said flexible material moves and deforms [[in interlocking]] with a motion of the belt portion so as to stabilize a head portion and a body [[in the case that the body moves due to an inertia or a centrifugal force]] when the accident [[is generated]] occurs.

9. (Currently Amended) An automobile seat belt structure and an assist apparatus thereof, wherein a seat belt portion, which runs across an occupant's body, is attached [[with keeping a]] in tension without being in contact with [[a]] the body of [[an]] the occupant, [[whereby it is possible

to remove]] thereby removing [[the]] a pressure feeling applied by [[the]] a conventional shoulder belt, [[for an occupant having a disease in the chest, an occupant having diseases of adult people such as a hypertension, a cardiac disease, an apoplexy and the like popular for people equal to or more than forty years old or an occupant having a chest pain, a headache, a retch and the like,]] and wherein prevention means for preventing a [[so-called]] submarine phenomenon, wherein [[that]] an occupant slides out from a lower area of the conventional belt when [[the]] an accident [[is generated]] occurs, is provided in the belt portion.

10. (New) An automobile seat belt structure and an assist apparatus thereof as claimed in claim 6, wherein in order to easily disengage the seat belt when the accident occurs, a belt latch portion and a latch-receiving portion are attached by an electric magnetic function, and are structured such that when engine rotation is stopped due to said accident and a power generating function is stopped, energizing of an electric magnet is stopped, and said electric magnetic function which is interlocked with said power generating function is automatically lost.

11. (New) An automobile seat belt structure and an assist apparatus thereof as claimed in claim 6, wherein an expanded flexible material is mounted to the seat belt portion in an assistant driver's seat so as to reduce a gap between an occupant in said assistant driver's seat and a dash board portion, wherein said flexible material moves and deforms with a motion of the belt portion so as to stabilize a head portion and a body when the accident occurs.

12. (New) An automobile seat belt structure and an assist apparatus thereof as claimed in claim 6, further comprising right and left supporting columns, and wherein fixing positions of said right and left supporting

columns of a seat body in the seat belt portion can be freely adjusted in correspondence to a body condition of the occupant.

13. (New) An automobile seat belt structure and an assist apparatus thereof as claimed in claim 5, further comprising right and left supporting columns, and wherein fixing positions of said right and left supporting columns of a seat body in the seat belt portion can be freely adjusted in correspondence to a body condition of the occupant.

14. (New) An automobile seat belt structure and an assist apparatus thereof as claimed in claim 5, wherein in order to easily disengage the seat belt when the accident occurs, a belt latch portion and a latch-receiving portion are attached by an electric magnetic function, and are structured such that when engine rotation is stopped due to said accident and a power generating function is stopped, energizing of an electric magnet is stopped, and said electric magnetic function which is interlocked with said power generating function is automatically lost.

15. (New) An automobile seat belt structure and an assist apparatus thereof as claimed in claim 5, wherein an expanded flexible material is mounted to the seat belt portion in an assistant driver's seat so as to reduce a gap between an occupant in said assistant driver's seat and a dash board portion, wherein said flexible material moves and deforms with a motion of the belt portion so as to stabilize a head portion and a body when the accident occurs.